

THE ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

First Sunday after Easter April 27, 2025

COMMUNION STANDARDS AND PRACTICES

It is the Anglican practice to invite everyone who has been baptized with water in the name of the Trinity and is in love and charity with their neighbor to receive communion.

When you come forward, please kneel on the alter railing and a priest will offer you the bread. If you leave the bread in your hand it communicates to the chalice bearer that you want them to intinct (i.e., dip) the bread into the wine and place it into your mouth. If you consume it immediately it communicates to the chalice bearer that you want to drink from the common cup. If you choose to drink from the common cup please do help guide it to your mouth by holding the base of the chalice with your thumb and index finger to avoid any spilling.

If you are not baptized or choose not to receive communion, you may still come forward. Simply cross your arms over your chest and receive God's blessing.

THE PROCESSIONAL

Please stand as the clergy and servers enter.



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THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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HOLY COMMUNION

THE WELCOME

THE OPENING SENTENCES (BCP p. 85)

The Lord be with you.

Answer. **And with thy spirit.**

Minister. Let us pray.

Please kneel.

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE DECALOGUE (BCP p. 86)

Minister GOD spake these words, and said: I am the LORD thy God;

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Answer Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep

this law.

Minister THOU shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any

likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; Thou

shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them.

Answer Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep

this law.

Minister THOU shalt not take the Name of the LORD thy God in vain.

Answer Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep

this law

this law.

Minister REMEMBER the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt

thou labour, and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God: In it thou shalt not do any

work.

Answer Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep

this law.

Minister HONOUR thy father and thy mother.

Answer Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep

this law.

Minister THOU shalt do no murder.

Answer Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep

this law.

Minister THOU shalt not commit adultery.

Answer Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep

this law.

Minister THOU shalt not steal.

Answer Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep

this law.

Minister THOU shalt not bear false witness against thy

neighbour.

Answer Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep

this law.

Minister THOU shalt not covet

Answer Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in

our hearts, we beseech thee.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW (BCP p. 87)

Then may the Minister say,

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Here shall be sung

Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us

THE COLLECTS (BCP p. 137)

Then may follow this Collect.

O ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that, through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The shall be said the COLLECT(S) OF THE DAY.

ALMIGHTY Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON (Isaiah 43:1-12)

Please be seated, for the FIRST lesson.

Ken Samples

Reader Here begins the first verse of the forty-third chapter of the book of the prophet Isaiah.

I But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. 3 For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. 4 Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life.

5 Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. 6 I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, 7 everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made." 8 Bring out the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears! 9 All the nations gather together, and the peoples assemble. Who among them can declare this, and show us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to prove them right, and let them hear and say, It is true.

Io "You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. II I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no savior. I2 I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "and I am God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
Answer Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (Psalm 30; BCP p. 314)

Please remain standing.

Exaltabo te, Domine.

- I I WILL magnify thee, O LORD; for thou hast set me up,
- * and not made my foes to triumph over me.
- 2 O LORD my God, I cried unto thee;
- * and thou hast healed me.
- 3 Thou, LORD, hast brought my soul out of hell:
- * thou hast kept my life, that I should not go down into the pit.
- 4 Sing praises unto the LORD, O ye saints of his;
- * and give thanks unto him, for a remembrance of his holiness.
- 5 For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his pleasure is life;
- * heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.
- 6 And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be removed:
- * thou, LORD, of thy goodness, hast made my hill so strong.
- 7 Thou didst turn thy face from me,
- * and I was troubled.
- 8 Then cried I unto thee, O LORD;
- * and gat me to my LORD right humbly.
- 9 What profit is there in my blood,
- * when I go down into the pit?
- 10 Shall the dust give thanks unto thee?
- * or shall it declare thy truth?
- II Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;
- * LORD, be thou my helper.
- 12 Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy;
- * thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness:
- 13 Therefore shall every good man sing of thy praise without ceasing.
- * O my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,

* as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON (I John 5:4-12)

Please be seated, for the SECOND lesson.

The Rev. Henry Birkinbine

Reader Here begins the fourth verse of the fifth chapter of St. John's first Epistle.

4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

6 This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. 7 For there are three that testify: 8 the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. 9 If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. 10 Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. 11 And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Reader The Word of the Lord. Answer Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN #144 He is risen

Please stand.



THE GOSPEL (St. John 20:19-23)

Minister Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St.

John.

Answer



19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

Minister This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Answer



THE SEQUENCE HYMN #144 He is risen

Please stand.



THE NICENE CREED (BCP p. 89)

The service continues with the confession of the Nicene Creed by all.

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
Begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
Very God of very God, Begotten, not made,
Being of one substance with the Father,
By whom all things were made:
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,
And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead;
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of life,
Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
Who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the Resurrection of the dead,
And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS (BCP p. 90)

Please be seated.

Collect for birthdays: WATCH over thy child, O Lord, as his days increase; bless and guide him wherever he may be, keeping him unspotted from the world. Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him up if he fall; and in his heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

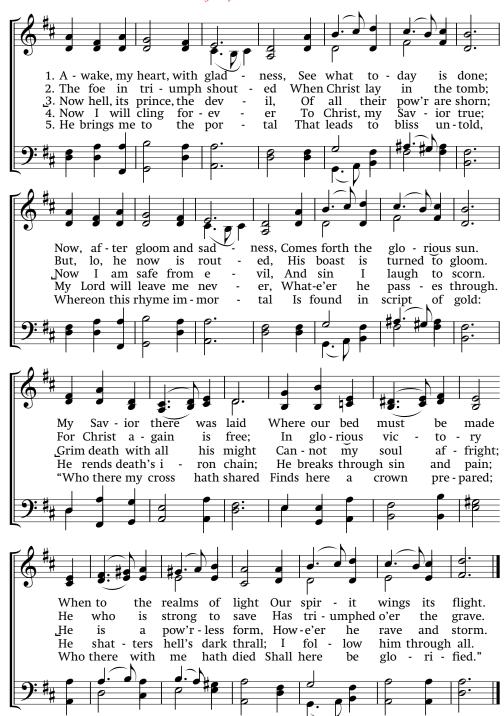
THE BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

THE SERMON

The Rector

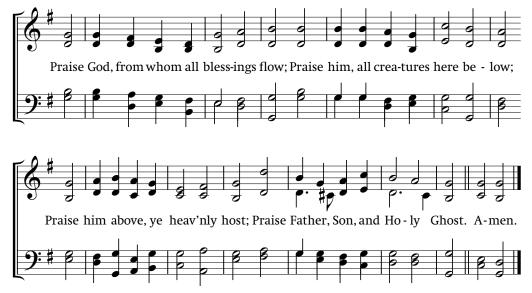
OFFERTORY HYMN #139 Awake my heart with gladness

Please remain seated, and then stand during the final stanza.



THE DOXOLOGY

Pleaser stand.



THE OFFERING (BCP p. 92)

Then after the table has been set, shall the minsiter say,

ALL things come of thee, O LORD, and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

1 Chronicles 29:14

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH MILITANT (BCP p. 93)

Let us kneel and pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant.

Please kneel.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our [*alms and] oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord:

And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

Then shall the Presbyter say the following words to those who come to receive the Holy Communion.

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

THE GENERAL CONFESSION (BCP p. 96)

The Priest and the People together say:

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION (BCP p. 96)

The Presbyter stands and says:

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS (BCP p. 96)

Then shall the Presbyter say,

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

COME unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

St. Matthew 11:28

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

St. John 3:16

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.

I St. John 2:1, 2

THE SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 97)

Lift up your hearts.

Answer. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Presbyter. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Answer. It is meet and right so to do.

I Tis very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

THE SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT



THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (BCP p. 100)

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, *so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION (BCP p. 100)

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again; Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood: who, in the same night in which he was betrayed, took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

The Priest and the People together sing:



THE DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 101)

Then shall the Presbyter first receive the Communion in both kinds himself, and then proceed to deliver the same to the Bishops, Presbyters, and Deacons, in like manner, and after that to the people also in order, into their hands, all devoutly kneeling.

*NOTE: If you would like your wafer intincted, please leave it in your hand and the chalicebearer will intinct for you and place it in your mouth.

**NOTE: If you would like a blesing instead, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS (BCP p. 102)

Presbyter. And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Then shall be said the PRAYER OF OBLATION as follows.

O LORD and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that we, and all partakers of the Holy Communion, may be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

Then shall be said,

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thine everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

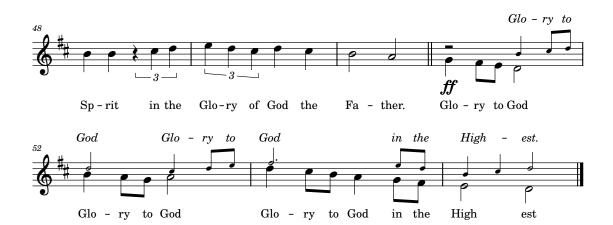












THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL (BCP p. 104)

Then, the people kneeling, the Presbyter shall let them depart with this BLESSING.

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

Minsiter Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Answer Thanks be to God.

THE RECESSIONAL & ORGAN POSTLUDE

Please STAND as the Clergy and Servers exit.

Welcome to Christ's Chapel Anglican Church

Christ's Chapel Anglican Church is a parish of the Reformed Episcopal Church (REC).

The REC is a founding jurisdiction of the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA). Since 1873 the Reformed Episcopal Church has remained faithful to the absolute authority of the Word of God as our only infallible rule in all matters of faith and practice.

Wherever you have come from, and whoever you are, we hope that you feel at home with us here. If this is your first time here, please introduce yourself after the service. We'd love to have the opportunity to get to know you better!

Families with children are most welcome. We offer Children's Church in the narthex during the sermon – please, ask a Welcomer for more information if you would like to join.



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